

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the Claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A stringed instrument pick, comprising:

an approximately L-shaped configuration defined by a first face, a second face, and a curved peripheral lip; and,

at least one raised grip pad formed over at least a portion of said pick, wherein said at least one raised grip pad comprises at least one edge, and wherein said at least one edge is received by and interfaces with a groove of a fingerprint or a thumb print.

2. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 1, wherein said first face comprises said at least one raised grip pad formed over at least a portion thereof.

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4. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~said at least one raised grip pad comprises at least one sharply angled edge, said at least one sharply angled edge~~ of said at least one raised grip pad is adapted to be received by and interface interfaces with a groove of a the fingerprint or a the thumb print.

5. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said curved peripheral lip ~~is adapted to engage~~ engages the natural curvature of a user's finger or thumb surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 1, wherein said second face comprises said at least one raised grip pad formed over at least a portion thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of ~~Claim 6~~ Claim 1, wherein said at least one raised grip pad ~~comprises at least one edge adapted to be received by and interface with a groove of a fingerprint or a thumb print~~ is formed over at least one of said first face, said second face, and said curved peripheral lip.

8. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of ~~Claim 6~~ Claim 1, wherein said at least one raised grip pad ~~comprises at least one sharply angled edge, said at least one sharply angled edge adapted to be received by and interface with a groove of a fingerprint or a thumb print~~ is formed over at least a portion of at least one of said first face, said second face, and said curved peripheral lip.

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10. (Currently Amended) A stringed instrument pick, comprising:

a first face and a second face, wherein at least one of said first face and said second face comprises at least one raised grip pad formed over at least a portion thereof, said at least one

raised grip pad comprising at least one edge, wherein said at least one edge is ~~adapted to be~~ received by and ~~interface~~ interfaces with a user's fingerprint groove.

11. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 10, wherein said pick further comprises a curved peripheral lip, and wherein said curved peripheral lip ~~adapted to engage~~ engages the natural curvature of the user's finger or thumb surface.

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13. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 10, wherein ~~said at least one raised grip pad comprises at least one sharply angled edge, said at least one sharply angled edge of said at least one raised grip pad is~~ adapted to be received by and interface ~~interfaces~~ with ~~a the~~ user's fingerprint groove.

14. (Currently Amended) A stringed instrument pick, comprising:

a configuration defined by a first face, a second face, and a curved peripheral lip, wherein at least one of said first face and said second face comprises at least one raised grip pad formed over at least a portion thereof, said at least one raised grip pad comprising at least one edge, wherein said at least one edge is ~~adapted to be~~ received by and ~~interface~~ interfaces with a user's fingerprint groove.

15. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 14, wherein said curved peripheral lip ~~is adapted to engage~~ engages the natural curvature of the user's finger or thumb surface.

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17. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 14, wherein ~~said at least one raised grip pad comprises at least one sharply angled edge of said at least one raised grip pad is, said at least one sharply angled edge adapted to be received by and interface~~ interfaces with the user's fingerprint groove.

18. (Currently Amended) A stringed instrument pick, comprising:

a configuration defined by a first face, a second face, and a sloped peripheral lip, wherein at least one of said first face and said second face comprises a plurality of raised grip pads formed over at least a portion thereof, wherein each raised grip pad of said plurality of raised grip pads comprises at least one edge, and wherein each said at least one edge of each said raised grip pad is adapted to be received by and interface interfaces with a user's fingerprint ~~groove~~ grooves.

19. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 18, wherein said sloped peripheral lip ~~is adapted to engage~~ engages the natural curvature of the user's finger or thumb surface.

20. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 18, wherein ~~each raised grip pad of~~ at least one raised grip pad of said plurality of raised grip pads ~~comprises at least one edge adapted to be received by and interface with the user's fingerprint groove~~ is formed over at least a portion of said sloped peripheral lip.

21. (Currently Amended) The stringed instrument pick of Claim 18, wherein ~~each raised grip pad of said plurality of raised grip pads comprises at least one sharply angled edge of each said raised grip pad is, said at least one sharply angled edge adapted to be received by and interface~~ interfaces with the user's fingerprint groove grooves.